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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 March 2006.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 11-16 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-6 and 11-16 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 March 2006 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/20/06.
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Information Disclosure Statement

The reference(s) listed in the Information Disclosure Statement(s) submitted on 5/22/02 and 12/10/02 has/have been considered by the examiner (see attached PTO-1449).

Response to Amendment

Applicant's amendment was received on 3/20/06, and has been entered and made of record.

Currently, **claims 1-6, and 11-18** are pending.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments, filed 3/20/06, with respect to the rejection(s) of claim(s) 1-6, and 11-15, cited in the Office Action dated 11/02/05, have been fully considered and are persuasive. Therefore, the rejection has been withdrawn. However, upon further consideration, a new ground(s) of rejection is made in view of Safai (U.S. Patent 6,715,003).

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section 351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

Claim(s) 1-16 is/are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Safai (U.S. Patent 6,715,003).

Regarding claim(s) 1, 15, and 16, Safai discloses **a method of printing stored digital images transferred from an imaging device, comprising the steps of:**

a) receiving and storing images from the imaging device having a memory associated with a computer (col 1, lines 53-64);

b) receiving at least one print control file from the imaging device which indicates a prior intention for printing particular stored images (col 3, lines 33-64);

c) the computer responding to the print control file to create and display a list of printing tasks selectable by a computer user in accordance with the prior intention (Safai teaches in col 3, lines 33-46 of transmitting address information that defines recipients and characteristics of a digital image; Safai teaches in col 1, line 53 through col 2, line 6 of the traditional method of sending image data to a personal computer to perform functions on the image data and improves on the idea by adapting the functionality of the personal computer directly on the digital camera as cited in col 3, lines 11-16; thus it is broadly interpreted that the system of Safai, adapted to a digital camera, could obviously be adapted on a personal computer and thus broadly reads on applicant's limitation; furthermore claim 6 of Safai states displaying a list of previously defined receiving parties for the digital images);

d) the computer user selecting at least one of the printing tasks from the list (claim 6: a selection is made from the list); and

e) the computer responding to the user selected printing tasks to initiate the printing of images indicated by the selected tasks (claim 1: images are sent to service provider and printed).

Regarding claim(s) 2, Safai discloses the dependency of claim 1, as stated above, and further teaches **wherein the transferred digital images include corresponding thumbnail images** (Fig 4A).

Regarding claim(s) 3, Safai discloses the dependency of claim 2, as stated above, and further teaches **wherein the displayed list of tasks includes thumbnail images of corresponding digital images** (Fig 4A: each thumbnail image has a displayed list of tasks).

Regarding claim(s) 4 and 17, Safai discloses the dependency of claims 1 and 15, as stated above, and further teaches **further including the step of receiving at least one email control file from the imaging device which indicates a prior intention for emailing particular stored images, and wherein the computer responds to the email control file to create and display a list of email tasks selectable by the computer user** (Figs 4B through Fig 4I and Fig 5: various tasks for an email function are implemented).

Regarding claim(s) 5, Safai discloses the dependency of claim 1, as stated above, and further teaches **further including the step of the user modifying the task prior to step e)** (Fig 3A: additional transport information is received).

Regarding claim(s) 6, Safai discloses the dependency of claim 4, as stated above, and further teaches **further including the step of the user modifying the task prior to step e)** (Fig 3A: additional transport information is received).

Regarding claim(s) 11, Safai discloses a **method of using stored images captured by a digital camera, comprising the steps of:** a) using the digital camera to capture digital images and store such captured digital images in a digital memory (Fig 1 and Fig 2); b) a user selecting particular digital images and indicating an intention to email such user selected particular digital images (Fig 3A: transport menu; Fig 4D: email address entry); c) the camera producing an email control file including identifiers corresponding to the user selected particular digital images, and storing such email control files in the digital memory (Fig 4G: the option to send later stores the email control file; Fig 5: the option to store the email file); d) a computer receiving the email control files from the digital camera; e) the computer responding to the email control files to create a to do list indicating at least one email task that can be performed at a future time (Safai teaches in col 3, lines 33-46 of transmitting address information that defines recipients and characteristics of a digital image; Safai teaches in col 1, line 53 through col 2, line 6 of the traditional method of sending image data to a personal computer to perform functions on the image data and improves on the idea by adapting the functionality of the personal computer directly on the digital camera as cited in col 3, lines 11-16; thus it is broadly interpreted that the system of Safai, adapted to a digital camera, could obviously be adapted on a personal computer and thus broadly reads on applicant's limitation; furthermore claim 6 of Safai states displaying a list of previously defined receiving parties for the digital images);

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f) the computer displaying the to do list and the computer user selecting one of the email tasks (Fig 4B through Fig 4E); and

g) the computer responding to the user selected email task to initiate the emailing of the selected particular images identified in the email control file (Fig 5: the option to send the email with the images).

Regarding claim(s) 12, Safai discloses the dependency of claim 11, as stated above, and further teaches **wherein the email control files further include an email address where digital images are to be sent (Fig 4D).**

Regarding claim(s) 13, Safai discloses the dependency of claim 11, as stated above, and further teaches **wherein the email control is provided by the camera capturing a first set of digital images and producing a first email control file, the computer receiving the first email control file and the first set of digital images from the digital camera, the computer then causing the first email control file and the first set of digital images to be erased from the digital camera, the digital camera subsequently capturing a second set of digital images and producing a second email control file, and the computer receiving the second email control file and the second set of digital images, prior to step f) (Fig 5: the images can be deleted after sending and would be ready for another email control file afterwards).**

Regarding claim(s) 14, Safai discloses the dependency of claim 12, as stated above, and further teaches **further including the step of a user modifying the task prior to step g)** (Fig 3A: additional transport information is received).

Regarding claim(s) 18, Safai discloses the dependency of claim 17, as stated above, and further teaches **further including the step of updating the to do list created in step e) so that the to do list includes a second printing task that identifies the images identified in the second print control file** (Fig 12C: the out box stores image descriptions).

Regarding claim(s) 19, Safai discloses the dependency of claim 15, as stated above, and further teaches **wherein step g) further includes modifying the selected printing task to keep from printing least one particular digital image identified in the first print control file** (Fig 5: deleting a picture prevents it from being printed).

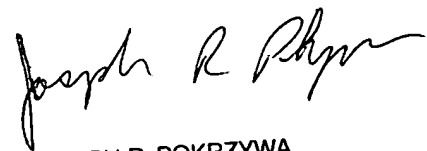
Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Athanasios Tom Papanikolaou whose telephone number is (571) 272-7953. The examiner can normally be reached on 9 a.m - 5 p.m..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Twyler Lamb can be reached on (571) 272-7406. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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